

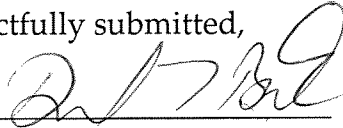
REMARKS

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended. Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended as shown above to address the concerns raised in the Office Action. Specifically, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to recite "a second switching element including a second control electrode having capacitance smaller than the capacitance of the first control electrode of the first switching element and an on-resistance larger than the on-resistance of the first switching element." This amendment is supported in the specification at paragraphs [0029] and [0031]. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

In view of the above, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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